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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

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Serial No.: 10/812,268

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Applicants hereby submit the formal drawings for the above-referenced application (Figures 1-30B on 41 sheets) and request that these drawings be accepted for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, dated June 10, 2004, enclosed herewith are the following:

- (1) Submission of Formal Drawings, including forty-one (41) sheets of substitute formal drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84;
- (2) Preliminary Amendment;
- (3) Request for Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$110 for a one month extension;
- (4) Change of Correspondence Address; and
- (5) A copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

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